

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment claims 1-12, as amended, remain in the application. Previously the Examiner had renumbered allowed claims 12-22 as 1-11.

This amendment is submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312 and contemporaneous with the payment of the issue fee.

Upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance and prior to payment of the issue fee applicant's attorney has undertaken a complete review of the application including the prosecution history.

Upon such review it was noticed that, at page 4 of the specification, it was disclosed that there were other carrier fluids which were useful in the practice of the present invention. This is found specifically in paragraph [0015] wherein the use of oil-miscible base fluids is disclosed as evidencing utility in the practice of the present invention. Thus, new claim 12 presents, in independent form, a claim of the same scope as that of previously allowed now claim 1 only adding thereto the further class of useful base fluids.

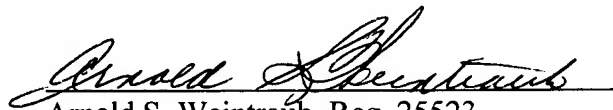
The fact that the compositions hereof undergo temporary shear thinning with the return to substantially the starting viscosity after contact between the inner surface of the outer tire and support ring and wherein the initial viscosity is above 100,000 centipoises at 25° C and from 1 to 20 RPM as measured with a Brookfield viscometer, distinguishes the present tire with the lubricant from that of the prior art. The additional base fluids, as now claimed, do not depart from that feature.

Thus, the present amendment neither detracts nor departs from the scope of the allowed claims. Furthermore, it is believed that no further work would be necessary on the part of the Examiner because the above noted feature is not negated by the addition of the further class of base fluids.

CONCLUSION

Thus, it is believed that all requirements for the entry of a Rule 312 amendment are met hereby and, accordingly, an entry and allowance of this claim is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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